DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:

(*a*) Divisions 2
Sub-Divisions 15
Sections 41

(*b*) Rs. 1,81,753.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: It is stated in the reply that since the present Chief Engineer has taken charge, 2 Divisions, 15 Sub-Divisions and 41 Sections have been established. Is it justifiable to the amount expended on the P. W. D. works?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know what is the necessity of increasing these Sections?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Because various projects have been sanctioned for investigation and execution. Only project works are to be done in Travancore.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Only six projects are.....

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The honourable member has already put up a question.

Junghar Service at Ittynair Kadavu.

180. ✻ MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a junghar service has been sanctioned by Government at the Ittynair Kadavu ferry on the Chenganuoor-Mannar road *via* Puliyoor;

(*b*) whether there is any junghar at the place now; and

(*c*) whether the approach roads on both sides are fit for such services?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) During rainy season the approaches get slushy and traffic is not easy.

Registration under Medical Practitioners' Act.

181. ✻ MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many applications for registration under the Medical Practitioners' Act are pending disposal; and

(*b*) whether there are practitioners who have not applied for registration?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Sixty eight.

(*b*) Yes.

Ayurveda Vaidyasala in Pathanamthitta taluk.

182. ✻ MR. V. I. IDICULA: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Ayurveda Vaidyasalas in Pathanamthitta taluk getting Government grant and their respective localities?

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MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: There are 5 grant-in-aid Vaidyasalas in the Pathanamthitta taluk. They are:—

1. Aranmula.
2. Pathanamthitta.
3. Vadaserikara.
4. Perunad and,
5. Mylapra (Visha Vaidyasala) which has been ordered to be shifted to Ranni.

Grant-in-aid Visha Vaidyasala at Ranni.

183. ❊ MR. V. I. IDICULA: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the authorities concerned have received several petitions from the public pointing out the necessity for sanctioning a grant-in-aid Visha Vaidyasala at Ranni?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: Yes; and Government have sanctioned the grant-in-aid Visha Vaidyasala at Mylapra being shifted to Ranni.

Acquisition of a site for a municipal park.

184. ❊ MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when was it that the Vaikom Municipal Council moved the Government for the acquisition of a site for a municipal park; and

(*b*) the action taken so far?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: (*a*) On the 1st Vrischigom 1120.

(*b*) The Municipality has applied for a loan for the acquisition of site for the park. The matter is under investigation.

Retirement of Officers.

185. ❊ MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any idea about reducing the age of retirement from 58 to 55; and

(*b*) if so, from which date that change will be put into effect?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether in view to the large number of soldiers and other men retiring from the army, the Government will be pleased to reduce the age of retirement from 58 to 55?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: That is a matter for future action, Sir.

Newspapers or periodicals.

186. ❊ MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of persons who have applied for licences for newspapers or periodicals during the last two years and dates of their applications;

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